

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS29708 / H0730

This bill will provide tenants with some of the most significant renter protections to date. It also provides a specific enforcement mechanism under the Idaho Consumer Protection Act. This legislation is supported by the Idaho Apartment Association and was developed with their support. This bill applies only to landlords or their management companies who charge application fees and prohibits the following five things:

1. Making undue profit on application fees.
2. Collecting and retaining an application fee when no rental property is available for lease.
3. Collecting and retaining an application fee when there is no intention to consider the applicant for a rental property.
4. Failing to return an application fee within forty-eight (48) hours after requested by the applicant if no screening took place.
5. Retaining application fees from an applicant who was never screened.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no impact to the general fund.

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